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# The Window

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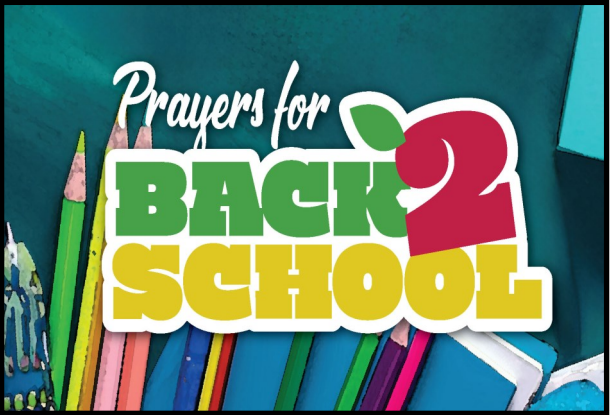


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[www.washingtonbaptist.org](http://www.washingtonbaptist.org)

**Our Staff:**  
Rev. Trent Henson— *Pastor*  
Rev. Braxton Kubasko— *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Dave Dupree— *Minister of Worship & Sr. Adults*  
Mr. Matthew Moore— *Minister of Youth*

THIS WEEK AT WASHINGTON:		
Sunday, August 17th-	8:30 am	Early Worship Service
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Morning Worship Service
	5:00-7:00pm	AWANA starts back
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship Service-Church Conference
Monday, August 18th-	6:00 am	Men's Monday Morning Bible Study-Lg. Conf. Room
	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Time- Room 211
Tuesday, August 19th-	9:30 am & 7:00 pm	Ladies Prayer Time-Prayer Chapel
	6:30 pm	Youth Council & Parent Meeting– Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, August 20th-	6:15 pm	Youth Bible Study
	6:30 pm	GriefShare– Room 301
		The Sonshine Gang-Room 324
		His Kids Choir-Room 330
	6:45 pm	Little Lambs Choir-Room 330
	6:45-8:00pm	Handbell Rehearsal - Handbell Room
Thursday, August 21st	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
		RA's, GA's & Mission Friends
		Young Adult Ministry-New Parlor
	8:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	10:00-11:30 am	Griefshare– Room 301
Saturday, August 23rd-	8:00-9:30am	Food Pantry Open
		(USDA is an equal opportunity employer and provider.)

<b>August 3, 2025</b>		
Sunday School Attendance:		358
Church Attendance:	AM 437	PM 163
<b>Sunday's offering:</b>	<b>\$17,392.05</b>	
<b>Online Giving 8/7-8/13:</b>	<b>\$3,625.00</b>	
<b>Total Offerings Received:</b>	<b>\$21,017.05</b>	
Budget Offering Received	\$17,789.00	
Budget Offering Required	\$26,300.00	
<b>Designated*:</b>	<b>\$2,466.00</b>	
Kingdom Vision (Including memorials)	\$2,266.00	
OCC Shoeboxes	\$200.00	
<b>Reimbursements:</b>	<b>\$762.05</b>	
Youth Ministry	\$200.00	
League Sports	\$20.00	
Hammer & Nails	\$492.05	
*Designated funds: Approved projects are Building Fund & Special Projects.		
**Special offerings as designated by the Board of Deacons.		
The work of our church is supported entirely by the faithful giving of our members.		



## WHAT'S UP at Washington

Bringing Home the Prodigals  
(Led by Mike & Sybil Smith)  
Tuesdays starting Sept. 2  
Room 208 | 6:30pm  
We all have prodigals - broken relationships - in our lives. This study will give a fresh sense of hope & encouragement for healing.

Experiencing God (Led by Joe Price)  
Wednesdays starting Sept. 3  
Small Conference Room | 6:30pm  
A Bible study focused on seven Scriptural realities that teach us how to develop a true relationship with the Creator.

GriefShare (Led by Doug & Penny Noland)  
Wed./Thurs. starting August 13/14  
Room 301 | 6:15pm/10:00am  
This study is for those who have lost loved ones to death, teaching what the Bible has to say about grieving and life after loss.

12 Ordinary Men (Led by Braxton Kubasko)  
Tuesdays starting Sept. 2  
Room 211 | 7:00pm  
This study puts you face-to-face with the disciples as you've never seen them before. We will stand in their shoes & hear the words of Jesus in a whole new way.

**Men's Breakfast**

August 16, 2025 | 7:30am | Fellowship Hall  
Speaker: Will Snipes

TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD, THAT I MAY WALK IN YOUR TRUTH. GIVE ME AN UNDIVIDED HEART TO REVERE YOUR NAME. - PSALM 86:11, 12

We are thrilled your child is part of the WBC Youth Program! We value your input for the upcoming church year and invite you to join Matthew and the Youth Council for dinner and discussion. This meeting is for adults only, so please discuss ideas with your youth beforehand. RSVP via the **"BAND APP"** or at [matthew@washingtonbaptist.org](mailto:matthew@washingtonbaptist.org) by August 15th. Your participation is important in fostering their relationship with the Lord during these critical youth years. We hope to see you there!

**August 19th 6:30 PM**  
**WBC Fellowship Hall**

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

### Attention All Children's Volunteers!

Join us for a Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 6-6:30pm  
Location: Sanctuary

If you volunteer in any part of our Children's Ministry, please be there so you can be updated on safety procedures and background checks. If you have not yet had your background check done, this is the easiest and quickest way to get that done! If you are unable to come, please contact Braxton!

**Returns on August 17th!**

**Sign Up Today!**

**GriefShare**

will begin at Washington on Wednesday, August 13th-October 22nd at 6:15-7:45 pm or Thursday, August 14th- October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00-11:30 am

Please sign up at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org)  
Call Doug Noland at 803-260-1950 for more information.



Trent’s Two Cents:

In my sermon Sunday morning on Serving In the Body of Christ, I mentioned the importance of Romans 12:5, which states, “so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.” This verse explains that we are different people, with different gifts, but together, we are one unified body, with one united purpose. We are all members of each other, connected to each other, in Christ. None of us exists outside of the body. No Christian is an unattached Christian. We are connected to one another and we belong together.

The Greek word for “one another” appears 100 times in the New Testament. 59 times, the word is attached to a command instructing us on how to interact with one another. Some of those commands are repeated, such as the command to “love one another”, which is given 13 times. Overall, you will find 39 different commands instructing us on how we should relate to one another in the New Testament. Some of these are positive commands, telling us how we should treat one another, and some are negative commands, telling us how we should not treat one another.

Seeing the importance Scripture places on this topic, I will begin a new sermon series on Wednesday evenings on the “one another” passages. Starting this evening, we will examine some of these commands in order to strengthen our relationships as we serve God together and seek to become more like Christ. I hope you will join us on Wednesday evenings as we begin this new series.

Your Pastor,  
Trent  
(trent@washingtonbaptist.org)

# Children's Sunday

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Join us as we celebrate the children in our church!

WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

## MISSION FRIENDS END OF SUMMER SPLASH PARTY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup> FROM 6:30-8:00 PM

PARENTS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO COME

BRING YOUR SWIMSUIT AND A TOWEL! WE WILL HAVE A WATERSLIDE & PIZZA!

**PRAYER FOCUS -Wyoming:** Tyler and Ashley Martin are planting Outfitter Church in Barr Nunn, Wyoming. Their sending church is Boyd Avenue Baptist Church in Casper, Wyoming. Tyler shared, “Ashley has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer that needs aggressive treatment requiring significant travel to another state over several months. We are walking forward in faith, trusting God’s plan for our family, our ministry, and Ashley’s healing. Pray God would work powerfully through the treatment, eliminating every cancer cell completely. Pray for healing, strength, and peace. Pray for endurance and safe travels as we make the long trip back and forth for treatment. Pray for our church and for the leaders God has been preparing as they step up in new ways and take on more responsibility. Thank God for raising up circuit preachers who are ready to step in. Pray our children would be resilient, comforted, and surrounded by support and deep assurance that they are held in God’s hands, though life looks different for a season.” (Source: Missions Mosaic Prayer Patterns, page 36, August, 2025)

# MISSIONS @WBC

## WMU MINISTRY TEAM

We are in for a special treat in September! Kerry and Neltia will be sharing about their work of encouragement to missionaries. We will be collecting gift cards from Walmart, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, McDonalds, Amazon, Chick-filet, and other businesses for them to use in their ministry! If you would like to participate, please turn in your donation to the church office or give it to Nan Spearman, Ruth Brannon, or Rachel Owensby. Thanks so much for your support! We are the hands and feet of Jesus!

*Servants of Christ,  
The WMU Ministry Team*

## Washington Serves

@ the Piedmont Women's Center Night for Life

Contact Braxton to sign up or ask a question! Deadline to sign up is August 31st!

## LET’S WORSHIP together

### Tru Faith

Tru Faith in Concert here at Washington, Sunday, August 31 at 6:00! You will be blessed by this outstanding quartet! Come and invite as many as you can! A love offering will be taken.

## WELCOME TO THE OCC Corner!

### Packing Party Prep

Ways you can donate now:

- Pick up an extra pack of colored pencils or markers while back-to-school shopping
- Choose an item from our Amazon gift registry

In considering your role in this ministry, bear in mind each child receives only one shoebox in his/her lifetime...knowing this fact, will you put your heart into every shoebox you pack?

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. -2 Corinthians 9:7

**Persecuted Christians:** Christian brothers and sisters around this world are being displaced from their homes and families because of their faith in Christ. We can support them by praying and providing practical help. Your monetary gift will provide necessities like blankets, shelter, soap, medical supplies, food and Bibles through The Voice of the Martyrs. Go to: [vom.org/driven](http://vom.org/driven) or call 800-747-0085.

## Sunday, August 17th:

### Extended Session Workers:

8:30 am– Lisa Chisam and Maddi & Macie Hanley  
10:45 am– Liz Woodward, Haley Perry, Sandra Bridwell, Krystal Brown, Suzanne Barbare and Patsy Edney  
6:00 pm-Grace Woody and Sarah Young

### Computer Check-In:

8:30 am– Roxanne Bruce  
Sunday School– Amy Baker  
10:45 am– Jordan Johnson  
6:00 pm– OPEN

### Ushers for August:

Avery James, Kenny Hughes, Tom LaMartina and Chet McAbee (meet in vestibule by 8:20)

### Safety Team:

**Vestibule**  
8:30-10:30-Michael Howard  
10:30-12:00-Mike Sloan  
5:30-7:00- Chet McAbee

**Fellowship Hall**  
8:30-10:30-Ronnie Barbare  
10:30-12:00-Jeffrey Lynn (Lock all doors @ 11:00)

**Children Area (Lock All Doors @ 11:00)**  
8:30-10:30-Harold Wade  
10:30-12:00-Roger Black

**Youth Doors**  
8:30-10:30-Ronnie Barbare  
10:30-12:00– Jeffrey Lynn

**Children Area & Lock All Doors at 6:05**  
5:45-7:00- Harold Wade

**Awana**  
5:00-7:00- Mike & Chris O’Bryant/Jim Cason

**Golf Cart**  
8:15-12:00– Scott & Kyle Chisam  
5:30-7:00– Daniel Ross

### Wednesday - August 20th:

**Vestibule:** 6:45-8:00- Joe Aughtry  
**Children-**6:45-8:00- Mike O’Bryant  
**Youth Doors-**6:45-8:00- Jim Cason  
**Golf Cart-**6:30-8:00– Rusty Edwards  
**Children’s Check-In-** 6:00 pm– Aimee Perry

## Clothes Closet News:

Another busy day at the Clothes Closet. We serviced 21 families-giving out a lot of children clothes. School is starting so we need children’s blue jeans and underwear in packages. Each family was allotted 20 items. Thank you for your help. ~Evelyn Lynn

## Men's RETREAT

Friday, September 26 | 6PM  
The Pond at 2639 E. Tyger Bridge Rd.

### Thank you!

Thank you for the love you have shown my family in so many ways during this difficult time for us as we experience the loss of my dad.  
Rusty & Kelly Edwards and family

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH AT 5:00PM**  
**IN THE SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

Notes from Dave

**Sr Adult One Day Retreat, Tuesday, October 14, 9:30-1:00!** We are going to have a one-day retreat here on the church campus so that many more can participate this year. Our theme is “**Planting Shade Trees.**” We will have the retreat on our regular Keenagers meeting date of **Tuesday, October 14 but will begin at 9:30 instead of 11:30.** Even if you are not able to participate beginning at 9:30, you can still attend at 11:30-1:00 to finish out our time together. I hope you will plan to come early to enjoy the entire experience!

**Spread the word and feel free to invite someone to join us for any or all of these events designed just for Senior Adults in our community!**

**Take a look at the Tru Faith Quartet promo elsewhere in this newsletter!** Don’t miss this concert!

I love serving with all of you! Dave

## ~Kubasko Korner~

### Babylon & Beyond: The Sovereignty of God in the Book of Daniel (3:13-18)

Nebuchadnezzar is one of the most interesting characters of the Bible to me because he gives us such a great portrayal of someone who wrestles with questions of faith throughout their life. Many times, we like to portray him as an “evil” king when in fact I think of him as a man who wrestles with questions of wealth, prestige, power, and pride. In a world that encourages all of these things and the glorifying of yourself, how does one wrestle with questions of faith? Notice that he does not deny the existence of a God or his gods, but instead he points out the obvious question of the moment - who would stop him as the most powerful king in the world from destroying Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? Remember that Nebuchadnezzar is not necessarily openly defying God on purpose, but more than likely is trying to portray himself as a kind of demigod to his government officials to ensure loyalty. So when the three do not bow, he is politically motivated to do something about it. First, he tries to reason with them by encouraging them with a second chance to obey. His desire is not to destroy them, but instead he seems to have a great deal of respect and fondness for them. This would seem to be a benevolent act by the king, but the three young men still realize that the king’s actions were unintentionally evil. In fact, the Bible captures this well in Romans 3:23 when it says “all have sinned and fall short...” The phrase “all have sinned” is a Greek word indicating an arrow missing its mark, meaning that - in this case - even though Nebuchadnezzar is trying to do what seems right to him, it is inadvertently offensive to God. It will take several more chapters before he begins to see what these three men do - that Nebuchadnezzar’s power pails in comparison to God’s. When faced with the question of their fate, what do they say? “We have no need to answer you.” They knew where they stood (literally) and what the king would have to do. But even in that situation, they realized that God was in control of even the fire - “...our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.” They realized God was still in control whether He saved them from the fire or not, and they trusted that - as Paul later writes - “...to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

Thank you to everyone who was a part of the Ministry Fair! It was a wonderful event and such an encouragement to see so many people getting connected to ministries in our church and community. If you have any other questions about these ministries, I would love to talk to you about them!

Also, don't forget that we have a bunch of discipleship classes this fall to choose from! Sign up for one today - you won't regret it!

Finally, remember the Piedmont Women’s Center Night for Life is coming up in a month and they need volunteers! If you have availability, you should be a part of this event! It’s a one night commitment, and it serves our community so well! Get in contact with me or catch me in the hall and I can get you signed up!

In the Service of Christ,  
Braxton Kubasko  
(Braxton@washingtonbaptist.org)

### Moore News:

This Saturday (8/16) is our Men’s Ministry breakfast. We will start serving breakfast at 7:30 am, and Will Snipes will be providing a message at 8 am. For all you men, young and old – there is no better way to start your Saturday morning than with good food and the Word of God. I hope to see you there.

~Matthew Moore  
(matthew@washingtonbaptist.org)

